

ROADS—OPENING, IMPORTING SLAVES, &c.

FRANCIS MATTINGLY.

AN ACT to authorize and empower Francis Mattingly to erect gates upon a road passing near his house to the Catholic Church near Mount Savage.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Francis Mattingly be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to erect gates upon a County road passing through his farm and near his house to the Catholic Church, near Mount Savage, Allegany county.

SEC. 2 *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

HARRIET NELSON.

AN ACT for the relief of Harriet Nelson, of Worcester county.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland, That a negro man named Noah, a slave for life, belonging to Harriet Nelson, of Worcester county, absconded from his owner into the State of Delaware; after proceeding but a short distance in said State, he voluntarily retraced his steps with the avowed purpose of returning to his owner; but on his return he was apprehended and committed to jail at Georgetown, in the State of Delaware, from which he was brought back into this State, and is now in Worcester county; *and whereas,* in the opinion of numerous slave owners, citizens of said county, the continued presence of said slave among the slave population would not be detrimental to the public interest, but from the experience he gives, rather calculated to deter his fellow slaves from absconding; therefore,

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Harriet Nelson, be and she is hereby authorized to retain within this State the said negro slave named Noah, as a slave for life.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

THOMAS H. O'NEAL.

AN ACT authorizing the County Commissioners of Frederick county at their discretion, to purchase of Thomas H. O'Neal, for the use of said county, all the field notes, plats, Surveyor's Books, &c., now in his possession

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Frederick county be and they are